

Welcome to Woodpeckers' class!

### English and Phonics

In English this term, we will be looking at stories by British authors, reports and British traditional rhymes.

English includes one reading session each day, with handwriting, grammar and spelling activities also being studied.

The grammar focus this term will be to know that words combine to make sentences and that we separate words with spaces. We will continue to focus on using full stops to mark the end of a sentence and capital letters for the start of a sentence and names. We will write captions and simple sentences and begin to read them to check they make sense.

As we begin our handwriting lessons, you will notice that the children are learning to use lead in and lead outs when forming letters. This is in preparation for joining writing as they move through school. In phonics we will be recapping on phases 3 and 4 of letters and sounds. This includes consonant digraphs such as sh, ch, th and ng as well as the vowel digraphs ai, ee, igh, oa, and oo as well as many more. Once the children are secure at this level we will begin to learn more complex sounds.

### Maths

In Maths, we will be looking at a range of topics. We will learn to:

- Count, read and write numbers up to 100 in numerals and from 1-20 in numerals and words.
- Begin to recognise the place value of numbers beyond 20 and to create repeating patterns with numbers, objects and shapes.
- Recognise odd and even numbers.
- Number bonds and addition and subtraction facts to 20 will also be introduced.
- Compare and measure heights and weights and recognise and name 2D and 3D shapes and coins.
- Read clocks to the hour and half hour.
- Understand fractions as part of a whole and find and name half and a quarter of an object, shape or quantity.

### Science:

In Science, we will be learning about: Animals including Humans and how we change as we grow, then moving on to exploring Seasonal Changes (including weather) later in the term.

### Creative Curriculum (ICT, Art, DT, Geography, History):

Our topic for this term will be 'Best of British!' We will learn all about the different countries that make up Great Britain and also about main towns and cities. We will find out where Blackburn is and learn our address. We will also be looking at the different countries that make up the United Kingdom and looking closely at maps of the United Kingdom.

As well as this, the children will be enhancing their map and ICT skills by using maps/atlasses and Google Earth software to find certain locations.

We will also use Art and Design Technology to further enhance our knowledge of this topic by painting portraits and enjoying afternoon tea by making our own sandwiches.

### PE: (every Wednesday)

PE will take place on Wednesday. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school! For safety reasons, **jewellery is not to be worn**, so please remove any items before they come to school, as it is school policy. Thank you. A professional sports specialist will teach games and dance this term. They will teach skills, techniques and knowledge of different types of P.E activities.

### RE:

We will be learning about Harvest during the first half term. We will look at what it means and harvest traditions around the world.

We will also look at what harvest means in Judaism and compare it to Christianity.

### Computing

We will be learning to use the internet safely, and learn our own login details to access safe websites to use our Chromebooks more effectively. We will also be looking at Google Classrooms to become more confident and independent users.